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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL SECURITY INSPECTION

1. TWO RECENT INCIDENTS HAVE CAUSED US TO BE CONCERNED THAT EMBASSY TELEPHONES MAY BE BEING USED BY OTHER AS LISTENING DEVICES. REQUEST EARLIEST TECHNICAL SECURITY INSPECTION.

2. SOME WEEKS AGO, A FORMER EMBASSY EMPLOYEE (AMERICAN), LIVING IN SAME EMBASSY COMPOUND APARTMENT BUILDING AS AMBASSADOR, PICKED UP TELEPHONE IN HIS APARTMENT, THREE STORIES BELOW AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, AND CLEARLY HEARD ENTIRE CONVERSATION TAKE PLACE IN AMBASSADOR'S DINING ROOM. AMBASSADOR'S TELEPHONE WAS NOT OFF HOOK AT THE TIME AND DINING ROOM IS APPROXIMATELY 25 FEET AWAY FROM TELEPHONE.

2. ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 (FRIDAY IS EMBASSY HOLIDAY AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES ARE NOT PRESENT) AMBASSADOR WAS IN CHANCERY TO CHECK CABLE TRAFFIC. IN PASSING EMBASSY SWITCHBOARD HE HEARD PECULIAR BUZZING SOUNDS. TO SEE IF SOMEONE WAS TRYING TO CALL IN HE PICKED UP SWITCHBOARD RECEIVER AND OVERHEARD PROLONGED CONVERSATION IN RUSSIAN.

3. AS DEPARTMENT MAY BE AWARE, SANAA TELEPHONE EXCHANGE WAS INSTALLED AND IS MAINTAINED BY EAST GERMANS. CRAWFORD

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